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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, October 12, show little change from those prevailing last week, according to quotations cabled to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's fruit specialist in Europe. The demand for American fruit in the South of England is being affected by the supplies of home grown apples which are still plentiful and cheap. American barreled varieties in London are bringing from 73 cents to \$1.22 per barrel less than in Liverpool. Glasgow prices are about the same as those prevailing in Liverpool. Prices paid for American fruit in Copenhagen are lower than the Liverpool levels but the market is showing some strength, according to Mr. Smith.

Virginia Jonathans topped the Liverpool auction this week, U. S. No. 1, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch ranging from \$9.75 to \$10.95 as against \$8.76 to \$9.00 paid for $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch sizes last week. There was a brisk demand for Jonathans, the supplies of which were light. York Imperials, Stayman Winesaps, and Ben Davis from Virginia were in active demand. Virginia Yorks were in moderate supply and sold quickly at from \$8.52 to \$9.25 per barrel as against \$8.76 to \$9.25 last week. The other Virginia varieties were only in light supply and brought about the same prices as those paid last week. The demand for Virginia Grimes Golden was rather moderate, due largely to the fact that much of the fruit was in an overripe condition.

Boxed stock sold at high prices and there was a brisk demand for Washington Jonathans which brought from \$4.14 to \$4.20 for Extra Fancy grades, sizes 150, 163 and 175. There was a good demand for Washington King Davids, Combination (Extra Fancy and Fancy) 150, 163 and 175, selling from \$3.53 to \$3.65 per box. Only light supplies of Washington Jonathans and King Davids were available. Supplies of Oregon Gravensteins were moderate but the demand was slow due largely to the variable condition of the fruit. The best fruit was only in fair condition and sold slowly at from \$2.80 to \$3.10 per box as compared with \$3.16 to \$3.22 per box last week.

American pears brought slightly higher prices this week, California Bartletts selling at from \$4.50 to \$4.63 per case as against \$3.89 to \$4.38 last week. New York Keiffers ranged from \$2.92 to \$4.37 per barrel as against \$2.01 to \$4.26 last week. Quotations on prunes were also slightly higher but grapefruit in general brought slightly lower prices.

The following table gives the range of prices paid for American fruit on the Liverpool auction during the past two weeks:

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday,
October 5 and 12, 1927

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		October 5, 1927	October 12, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperial, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Virginia	\$8.76 - 9.25	\$8.52 - 9.25
" " " " " "			
(fair condition)	"	a/	8.15 - 8.52
Unclassified	"	6.57 - 7.30	6.69 - 7.30
Grimes Golden, unclassified ..	"	5.35 - 6.20b/	6.08 - 6.69
Stayman Winesaps, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"		8.52 - 8.64
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	8.52	a/
Unclassified	"	6.33 - 8.76	a/
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. :	"	7.79 - 7.91	7.79 - 7.91
Unclassified	"	5.72 - 7.18	6.57 - 6.81
Jonathan, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. ..	"	8.76 - 9.00	a/
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	a/	9.73 - 10.95
		Per box	Per box
Jonathans:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175 ..	Washington:	a/	4.14 - 4.20
" " 188/smaller	"	a/	3.16 - 3.65
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	a/	3.89 - 4.08
King Davids:			
Combination (Extra Fancy and:			
Fancy) 150, 163/175	"	3.41 - 3.77	3.53 - 3.65
Combination (Extra Fancy and:			
Fancy) 188/smaller	"	a/	2.68 - 3.16
Gravensteins:			
Combination (Extra Fancy and:			
Fancy) 150, 163/175	Oregon :	3.16 - 3.22	2.80 - 3.10 c/
Fancy, 188/smaller	California:	3.04	a/
Yellow Newtowns, Fancy 150, 163/175	"	2.92	a/
Pears:			
Bartlett	California:	3.89 - 4.38	4.50 - 4.68
Hardy	"	4.62 - 5.11	4.56 - 4.62
Bosc	"	a/	4.87 - 5.47
Bartlett	Oregon :	3.89 - 4.38	a/
D'Anjou	"	4.38 - 4.62	4.87 - 5.35
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Keiffer	New York :	2.01 - 4.26	2.92 - 4.87
		Per case	Per case
Prunes	Idaho :	2.01 - 2.13	2.31 - 2.37
"Suitcase"	"	1.53 - 1.70	a/
Grapefruit	Jamaica :	6.08	4.38 - 5.96
"	Florida :	6.33 - 6.57	6.33 - 6.45
"	Cuba :	6.93 - 7.79	a/

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Slack condition. c/ Fair condition.

